

## Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email [info@revolutionky.org](mailto:info@revolutionky.org).

## Series Synopsis

We have committed ourselves to this family at Revolution Church and to walk the path of discipleship together through our prayers, presence, gifts, and service. We know that we need each other to live this life within a faith community. But what's next? What if God desires, not only for us to *be* his disciples, but to also *make* disciples? What does that mean? And what could being a "witness" to Jesus Christ look like in our world today?

Join us this Advent as we prepare to celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ once again and discover that sometimes the best way to tell the story of Christmas is through our own stories of redemption.

## Message Synopsis

The word *evangelism* is a good word with a bad reputation. It has come to mean a lot of things in the modern history of the American Church. It comes from the root word meaning good news, so an evangelist is simply a person who shares good news. It may make some of us nervous to talk about "witnessing," but it can be as simple as telling your story and should always begin with true friendship.

## Key Scriptures

*Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19*

## Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. What was something that stood out to you or spoke to you about the testimony shared on Sunday morning? Did you connect with any part of their story?
2. What is the first thing you think of when you hear the word evangelism? What is your first reaction?
3. Does it make you nervous to think about being a "witness" for Christ? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever had someone witness to you? Share about that experience. How did it go? How did it make you feel?
5. What difference do you think it makes to start with friendship and story?
6. Where do you see opportunities to be a witness for Christ in your life and circles? If nowhere, begin praying for God to bring someone or an opportunity into your life with whom you can share good news this Advent.

## Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

**Video: “Opening Doors for the Gospel”** with video by Luis Palau (8 min)

(located in the “Renovation Group Training Sessions” channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/74763>

1. If you have time, watch both videos on this page – the first one is funny, but it says something powerful about our culture, especially in the midst of a pandemic. How close to home is this for you and what do you think the answer is for the Church today?
2. Take a moment to discuss the second video freely. What stuck out to you? What bothered you? What questions did this raise for you? Even consider where and why your mind wandered as you watched, as it might reveal something of your heart or something of significance in the message.
3. Luis mentions the pleasure of sharing the Gospel, and a recent Barna study shows that the majority of people (of all beliefs) found joy in their most-recent spiritual discussions. Talk about how you feel when sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in your own life. Have you found joy in those conversations? Anxiety? Shame? Excitement? Laughter? Defensiveness?
4. Luis says we’re not defense attorneys when it comes to sharing our faith. Do you ever fear sharing about Christ because you don’t think you’ll have all the right answers? Is it necessary to have all the right answers when sharing about Christ? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever offered to pray for a stranger? How did you feel? Did they accept your invitation or turn you away? How did you feel afterward?
6. Showing interest in others (listening) is the first step to a great spiritual conversation. Who is God calling you to show interest in this week?
7. There is a difference between the goal of leading someone to Christ and the goal of sharing your relationship with Christ with others. How do the outcomes of these approaches differ and what do you think is the best approach to have in your witness to others?

### Family-Related Questions:

1. Children often have a boldness in talking about spiritual things that adults lack. Why do you think that is? Do you witness that in your own kids? What can you learn from your kids that you can apply to your own Christian witness?
2. Disciples learn best by doing ministry together. How are you teaching your kids by witnessing together as a family? What are some ideas you can share with your group about how to become a family that witnesses together?